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### **PSC APPROVES SOUTHTOWN UTILITIES COMPANY REQUEST**

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application filed by Southtown Utilities Company, Inc. (Southtown) seeking to construct a water and sewer system and provide service to customers in Polk County near Bolivar, Missouri.

Southtown proposes to charge a minimum monthly water rate of \$7.47 with a commodity rate of \$2.94 per 1,000 gallons of water. For a residential customer using 6,000 gallons of water a month, his/her bill would be \$25.11 a month. Residential sewer rates, which are flat rates designed on 6,000 gallons a month, would be \$33.56 a month.

The PSC Staff recommended to the Commission that the application be approved. Staff stated there is a need for the service because there are existing customers and room for additional development. The PSC Staff also believes the company has demonstrated the technical and managerial ability to develop and operate the water and sewer systems.

Based upon a review of the application, the PSC Staff recommendation and testimony received during an on-the-record presentation on August 17, 2005, the Commission approved Southtown's request.

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Case Nos. WA-2005-0268 & SA-2005-0269